

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1075

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Wiggins upon receiving special recognition from Delta Kappa Gamma.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wiggins is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wiggins was recently recognized by Delta Kappa Gamma Fraternity for her numerous years of service to the organization; she was presented with roses and candy in honor of her many years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wiggins, now 92 years of age, has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for more than 42 years; and

WHEREAS, before encountering health problems, Ms. Wiggins always attended DKG "Legislative Day" on Capitol Hill in Nashville and frequently traveled to Washington, D.C., with the fraternity; she took great pride in attending all state, regional, and international conventions across the country; and

WHEREAS, a longtime educator, Ms. Wiggins is a highly respected member of the Monterey community, where she has lived all of her life; and

WHEREAS, born prematurely, Elizabeth Wiggins defied the odds against her and has lived a full and blessed 92 years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wiggins' father, William Wiggins, worked for the Tennessee Central Railroad, which always played a pivotal role in her upbringing and the upbringing of her

five siblings; many crew members and engineers were family friends who would visit with the Wiggins when their train stopped; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her own teachers, Ms. Wiggins decided to pursue a career in teaching at the elementary level, and mainly taught second grade; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Elizabeth Wiggins began teaching in a rural school before moving to Monterey Elementary School; Ms. Wiggins worked throughout the Putnam County school system for more than forty years before retiring in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, countless students and teachers have credited Ms. Wiggins as an invaluable influence on them and are grateful for her adroit and skillful teaching; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wiggins was very active in the community and in church activities before her health problems began; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Wiggins is an extremely giving person whose dedication to the teaching profession is commendable; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Elizabeth Wiggins for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Elizabeth Wiggins for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate her upon her special recognition from Delta Kappa Gamma, and thank her for dedication to the teaching profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to her our best wishes for a healthy and happy future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.